

Conversation with 31 year old black female, Detroit, Michigan (Transcription)

0208.21 FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Oh, like now? FW: <unintelligible text> IN: I, one of them, they wanted so...she want- to go to summer school, but then she didn't a chance to go. Well, like now, they help around the house to clean the house, they <make?> their bed they sweep the floors and, uh, take care of the baby and things, like that. k. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Yeah, well, (she)...FW: <unintelligible text>

0208.22 <unintelligible text> IN: Uhm, fry <unintelligible text>. She might go cook them, she may fry <them?>, or fry some meat or something.FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Uhm, she make pretty <good?> bread.FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Oh yeah. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Well, usually, uh, <she'll?> take maybe she'll put an egg in it, or put in milk. And then she'll put maybe seasoning into it, and, uh, then she'll

0208.23 take out her pan and then she'll put the shortening and then get, you know, it <unintelligible text>. And then she put her bread in it, and <put?> it in the stove. And about time it's <unintelligible text>, she take it out. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Huh? FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: A teacher. Yes. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Oh, she, uh, she <was?> at first. I thought she was real mean, but

0208.24 uh, then after I come to know her she <was?> all right. But she would just scream, oh <how?> she would just scream at the kids, But <she?> would get after me a lot, too. And I, she <unintelligible text>, uh, you'd get to the board and, you <know?>, if you know a problem and she started screaming, well, you get nervous and then you didn;t

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work it. And then boy, she'd get up that time they had, she wouldn't use no <paddle?>, she would use a cane. One of these

0208.25 little small canes, you know, like <said?> it was in the, you know, <loke?> country,<and?> boy, she would get you around the legs. <uh?>. And, uh, the next day you'd better know. FW:<unintelligible text>? IN: Oh, yeah, I remember once. I was sort of tomboy like, and, uh, <unintelligible text> Couldn't stand boys, and this particular boy he would just bother me all the time, <unintelligible text> so I just got right up in school and I

0208.26 hit him. And then we started fightin' and then boy, we both got it.FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: What did I do. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: What did she do? Oh, boy, she got me with that cane, boy. And, oh, did it hurt. Then after I got home, my mother, see, she uh, she told my mother about it. She sent a note home, and then there were my mother and me again. But then I didn't fight no more. I didn't. I (avoided) I avoided.

0208.27 getting into trouble. Uhm. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: (yes) I did. FW: <unintelligible text> had? IN: This particular teacher, Mrs. Houston. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Yeah, she turned and oh, she was real nice. After that I started making A's and B's with her and she was very good and even since I've been married and whenever I go home I would see her and she would always admire

0208.28 me. And her, my sister, she were going to the same school and she was her teacher, and so we both had her, she was very good. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Because I felt after she had, I thought at first she was mean, but then, I felt that she must of been interested in me in order for her to be like she was and I felt then that she was a very good teacher because she was mean, because I figure like this, if a

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0208.29 teacher just let you have your way and don't get you, I (figure), I figure that they not a very good teacher. And I don't think that a teacher should have pets in school. I rather that they, that a teacher should be a teacher and get all of them when they do something wrong. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: (yes). FW: <unintelligible text> stand? IN: Well, yes, I did. But more or less I think that as being a child I really don't think that they <understand?>.

0208.30 I don't really think that a teacher really is mean <unintelligible text>. I think they are interested in the learning and if you learn, you won't have any trouble with them. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Yes, they did. Oh, they would copy, if they think that you had every good answer, oh, they would look over and like when we have our tests well, if they thought that you had the right answer they would sit up and look over and she might have to put one

0208.31 like there just, you know. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Yea, they would <take?>, uh, and copy their words down like when <they?> having spelling and they would take it, and copy down <unintelligible text> they have the words already there and then, uh, they would make a hundred. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Yes, she's a teacher now,

0208.32 <gap> She was very good. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, she knew, it wasn't, I don't think, uh, there was anything mostly that you could pick up, she couldn't read it, she was just very good. And she could work any problem. In <unintelligible text>, I knew from that that she probably would end up being, a, you know, a teacher or something one day because she was very good. FW: <unintelligible text>

0208.33 <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, uh, she would, <unintelligible text>. like stars and stuff like that. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, we had a boy, he was, oh, boy, I'm going to cough now, and that's gonna be on here, too. FW: <unintelligible text>... IN: Uh, so, uh,

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he's very dumb, he's in Chicago now. And he <unintelligible text> wouldn't try. I don't think he wanted to even try to learn. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Oh, just copies from every-

0208.34 body's paper, if he could, if he would let him. And wait 'til the last minute and then he'd say, "did you get it." You <unintelligible text>, "did you get your work" and then "let me see it." Then if you didn't let him see it, then he would get angry with you and want to fight. This is the same boy that we had this run into. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Oh, I don't know, could have been that but I didn't like

0208.35 him. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, she usually put them in a corner and then stand with one feet up, you know, with their back, their face to the wall. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Oh, they usually get out about a (quarter) they usually get home a quarter after three. FW: <unintelligible text>

0208.36 <unintelligible text>. IN: Uh, a half hour? Uh, quarter of four. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Yes, occasionally, I mean, I don't, uh, affiliate just too much. I mean, uh, in general I guess, sometimes we might go over to some friend's house. FW: <unintelligible text>.

0208.37 <unintelligible text> IN: Oh, you mean. FW: <unintelligible text>... IN: Oh, yes, yes, we had a friend by just lasy Sunday. He was teacher. He was a teacher there. And he was by last sunday. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Yes. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Uhm, some of them are and some of them are older. FW: <unintelligible text>

0208.38 <unintelligible text>... IN: Than Spanish? FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Oh, well, I, I maybe they would, because I do have a girlfriend now that's from my home. She's a

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teacher now here, and she, uhm, I imagine she could. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, no, I

0208.39 (guess) I, I, guess not. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: I, I, I really wanted to be a nurse. I've always wanted to be a nurse. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Well, they would take care of the patients, which I've had some experience in that already as an aide. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, I don't particularly like being, I wouldn't like particular like being an aide, I would

0208.40 like more to be a practical nurse, but in it's field I like it because you have to... FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, taking temperatures, and just in general seeing different things that, uh, you know, different cases that people have and learning about the body and stuff like that. I think I would like that. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN:

0208.41 <unintelligible text> IN: Oh, I would be a very nice girl. I don't know whether I would have gotten married as early as I did. I would, uh, try to go all the way through high school and college, and I mean, I would try to make a better life, I think, and then get married. In other words I would try to have more in <common?>, then start out with my family. Then I would be more able to teach them. Because,

0208.42 the more I know then I think the more that they would know. FW: <unintelligible text>... IN: I still would like to be a nurse, and I still plan to go back to school. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Yeah, I still do, I mean, I haven't gave up yet. I still plan to go back to school because I feels if I go back to school and I get my full amount of education < I?> fell that they will listen to me more and

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0208.43 they would have a follower. They would say, well, my mother is older but she's going back to school and now I'm young and I'm going all the way. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, I would like to help the peoples that didn't have, <and?> would need it. FW: <unintelligible text>

0208.44 <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, I would like to donate it to the 'formed where there are all these little, uh, uh, children that's deformed, you know, there's a lot of children that, oh, they have maybe one straight arm, they are very pitiful little childre, <unintelligible text> somewhat like an institution where they are I guess. I would like to donate it to them. FW: <unintelligible text>

0208.45 <unintelligible text>. IN: Well, the first thing I do, uh, I go to the bathroom and I brush my teeth, I wash my face. Then naturally with having the ids, they are hungry. They say, "<unintelligible text>, I'm hungry." Well, I start preparing breakfast. Well, after I finish that and get them all settled and dressed and everything, then I's, we'll start cleaning the house, maybe, maybe I have to wash or maybe

0208.46 I have to iron. Well, that time my husband he's at work. So then I got to start thinking about then what I'm going to cook. Maybe we going to have greens, maybe we going to have chicken and maybe we going to have or what have you. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: <unintelligible text>. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Well, after supper maybe, uh, sometimes if I feel tired I might take a

0208.47 nap. They'll start watching television, Batman, of course, if it's the day for him, and Dennis the Menace. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Yes, they like Dennis the Manace. And, uh... FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Not now. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Uh, uh,

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well, we live on the East Side, this is the East Side. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Pardon? FW: <unintelligible text>?

0208.48 <unintelligible text>? IN: In between? FW: Yes. IN: Well, this is the end, uh, on this particular street, they call it, years ago, they used to call it "In the Village," I know "In the Village" is down. But, so I'm thinking that, oh, from Seminole on down, I think a certain part of it's "in the village." So there's Moffit, there's Warren. And, of course, there's Gratiot. FW: <unintelligible text>

0208.49 <unintelligible text>? IN: This city? Itself? FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Detroit, <unintelligible text>. IN: Yes, uh, Woodward Avenue, and, uh, now let's see. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Gratiot? FW: <unintelligible text>... IN: <unintelligible text>. IN: Linwood? FW: <unintelligible text>

0208.50 <unintelligible text>... IN: Livernois. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Oh, Jefferson Avenue, uhm Lafayette Avenue, there's Van Dyke, it's very busy, uhm, the Boulevard. FW: <unintelligible text>... IN: Gratiot? FW: <unintelligible text>

<unintelligible text> IN: Oh, you mean, uh, like, uhm, Seminole, Iriquois, or something like that? These are the.... FW: <unintelligible text> IN: The Boulevard, they have lights, don't they? Yes. <unintelligible text>, uh,

0208.52 <unintelligible text> Ford. IN: The Express. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: In other words they say the free (road), freeway. Uhm, Edsel Ford, John C. Lodge, uhm, what else now, Ford's Express and, uhm, let's see. Well, uhm, I probably could think of more but right now I just can't.... FW: <unintelligible text> IN: I was born in Mississippi. FW: (yes) <unintelligible text>? IN: yes, I've lived on the

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0208.53 West side. I lived on Tillman and I lived, uh, uhm, here and I lived on Lafayette years ago. I lived on St. Aubin years ago. So... FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Oh, I haven't lived nowheres else. When I left from there I came here. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: I was 18. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well,

0208.54 I went to, uh, Benton Harbor, Michigan, and, uh, I haven't gone any place, oh, I've gone to Chicago. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Sort of. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, sometimes we, uhm, uh, might go out to <unintelligible text> Park, which I like a lot. It's a lot of fun but there. And sometime we go to Belle <Isle?>. And a lot of time we get together and

0208.55 have maybe a picnic in the back yard. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: We celebrate most of them. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: 30th of May, the 4th of July, Labor Day and that. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Oh Christmas. FW: <unintelligible text> you... IN: Well, uh, most of all the kids they are screaming and hollering what they want. They watch television

0208.56 <unintelligible text> different things they have. Okay. They would like to have this. They would like to have that. So here I am, poor mother, trying to satisfy everybody. I go this place and I go that place and I pick up something. Here I am hiding it. I'm the Santa claus. I did this for, uh, till everybody got a pretty good size. Oh well, then they start whispering, saying there's no such thing as Santa Claus. Mommy's

0208.57 hiding. I wouldn't particularly give I took them in the basement and I hid them and they went down in the basement and they found the things, typewriters and dolls and <pants?> and everything. That was the end of their Santa Claus. So then the next Christmas came about, I wouldn't buy them anything. I said, "now since you know, I'm not

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buying anything." I had them fooled until almost the last day. Then Christmas morning came. Every-

0208.58 body sat and looking, wondering what they had. Then I came out with it. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Yes, we, uh, most time I'll have amybe a goose, (laugh) I won't say how I had...and uh, we have cake and, and the trimmings, you know. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Halloween? FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Oh, they <messes?>

0208.59 up. They gets into my make-up a lot of times, if they don't have masks. Oh, they put on my long dresses and my, my heels, and their maybe their on father's hat and they'll uh, put lipstick the boys'll wear lipstick' and stuff like that. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Oh they came back with bags and bags of candies, apples, and oranges and stuff. They were all have, my son, he had, I think my hat on and

0208.60 oh, they were a-fixed. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: "Trick of treat, trick or treat." FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Oh, I guess not. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Ringing the door bells? FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Oh, if they don't get anything, oh, you mean, if

<unintelligible text>

<unintelligible text> will go and they'll put soap on the windowns. They'll take the <unintelligible text> car, they'll <unintelligible text> down on the ground. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Halloween. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Yes. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: Yeah they do it on Halloween. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Uh, well, usually I don't

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0208.62 <(al)'low?> fights around. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Not in this particular neighborhood, it's quite nice. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Oh, yes, they do. They start arguing off of little simple things. Like if they put, my son, put his <unintelligible text>, he say my daughter moved it. And a lot of time he'll have them sitting somewhere. And naturally they don't want one

0208.63 another in their bed rooms. They get to...uh, my son he has his little stuff he puts in the drawer and he don't want her touching it. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: No. They don't, uh, if they don't usually they get into arguments, but as a rule they don't usually fight. FW: <unintelligible text>

0208.64 <unintelligible text>? IN: Oh, "I give up." FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, they'll say "I give up" uhm, "go on and leave me alone", uh, "I'm not bothering you" or something like that. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: <unintelligible text>. FW: <unintelligible text>.

0208.65 <unintelligible text>> IN: No, they don't. Uh... they don't. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Oh, yes. FW: <unintelligible text> you ever had? IN: Well, I haven't had any illness really. Uh, most of the time it was containing <unintelligible text> children. I would say child birth and that is the only thing. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: No. <unintelligible text>

0208.66 <unintelligible text> IN: Yes. My daughter, she did. Uh, she had measles and her temperature shot way up and she <unintelligible text> the awfulest thing that I've ever seen. It took two mens almost to hold her. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: (yes) FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: I took her right straight to the hospital and they gave her a spinal and she had to stay in for eight days. FW: <unintelligible text>

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0208.67 <unintelligible text> IN: Spread my germs. FW: <unintelligible text>. IN: catch your cold. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: No, I haven't. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: My daughter, my baby now that's being interviewed, she was in one when she was about, oh, 14 months old. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, I

0208.68 was home when I was pregnant with one of my other kids and, uh, she, uhm, her nose got all swollen and they didn't want to tell me. So I knew something had happened. And everybody just start looking at me' and, you know, and I knew right away, I said "Oh, something has happened." So my uncle,-he's dead now, he was driving the car. And, uh, this man ran into them. So that's what happened they tore the car all up. FW:<unintelligible text>

0208.69 <unintelligible text>? IN: yes, I was. Uh, when I was in the hospital about in October. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Well, I had a tubal pregnancy. So I thought, I didn't know anything was wrong, so I went into the hospital, and I had to have surgery right away. I was in at, went in at 12:30 on a Saturday and 4:30 I was in the operating room. So then I thought I would, I didn't

0208.70 think I would make it. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, I was very sick and I was hurting very bad. Of course, they were very nice to me. They would give me things to ease the pain. FW: <unintelligible text>? IN: Well, sometimes I think that, if you are protected good enough, I don't think it would happen. FW:

<unintelligible text> IN: Pardon? FW: What do you <unintelligible text>. IN: Negro. FW: <unintelligible text> IN: Well, no, uh, not really, uh, it's just a matter of being the right word I would think. FW: <unintelligible text>

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